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- 1497—John and Sebastian Cabot discover Newfoundland on June 24th.
- 1583—Sir H. Gilbert takes possession of Colony on August 5th in name of Queen Elizabeth.
- 1610—John Guy founds colony at Cupids, Port de Grave.
- 1613—First white child born in Nfld. on March 27th.
- 1623—Lord Baltimore founds colony at Ferryland.
- 1633—Fishing Admirals appointed by Star Chamber.
- 1662—Placentia founded by French.
- 1696—French capture St. John's. Restored to England by Treaty of Ryswick.
- 1697—First resident clergyman comes to Nfld., Rev. John Jackson.
- 1713—Treaty of Utrecht giving Great Britain sole possession of Newfoundland.
- 1729—Capt. Henry Osborne appointed first Governor of Newfoundland.
- 1763—Labrador annexed to Newfoundland.
- 1763—Captain Cook discovered coal in Newfoundland.
- 1765—First Wesleyan Missionary, Rev. Lawrence Coughlan, arrives.
- 1784—Religious liberty granted to all denominations.
- 1793—Supreme Court of Judicature appointed for whole island.
- 1805—First Post Office established; Simon Solomon, Postmaster.
- 1806—Benevolent Irish Society organized.
- 1807—First newspaper, "Royal Gazette", published.
- 1811—Restriction against erection of houses removed. Building lots granted.
- 1813—First lighthouse erected at Fort Amherst, near St. John's.
- 1815—Big commercial crash, many merchants and planters ruined.
- 1816—Big fire at St. John's; 120 houses burnt. Loss, £100,000.

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- 1817—Another big fire. Loss, £500,000.
1821—Agitation for local government started.
1821—First Attorney General, Mr. West, appointed.
1822—Cormack, a Scotchman, first white merchant to explore Newfoundland.
1825—First Council appointed to assist Governor.
1826—Supreme Court constituted, Jan. 2nd, Charter.
1828—Government House erected at cost of £100,000.
1832—Representative Government granted.
1833—First House of Assembly opened, Jan. 1st.
1833—Savings Bank instituted.
1838—J. B. Jukes makes first geological survey of the island.
1840—H.M.S. "Spitfire" arrives; first steamer to Newfoundland.
1841—Corner Stone of R. C. Cathedral laid.
1842—Agricultural Society organized; first meeting, January 13th.
1843—Amalgamated Assembly: Members of the Executive Council sat with members of the Assembly.
1844—First mail and passenger steamer for Newfoundland arrives.
1845—First reservoir built at St. John's, at the foot of the Cove.
1845—Gas introduced at St. John's.
1846—9th of June fire; 2,000 houses burnt. Loss, £800,000.
1847—First Lunatic Asylum built.
1847—Constitution of 1833 restored.
1848—Chloroform first used in Newfoundland by Samuel Carson.
1849—Cemeteries first opened outside city limits.
1850—Colonial Building opened for first time.
1852—Electric telegraph introduced into St. John's by F. N. Gisborne.
1854—Responsible Government granted. Elections held in 1855.
1854—Cholera Year. Hundreds die with cholera in St. John's.
1856—First telegraph message to St. John's received by J. & W. Pitts.

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- 1800.—First Atlantic cable laid on August 5th at Bay Bulls by "Niagara."
- 1860.—Whisky first distilled in Newfoundland at Bennett's Brewery.
- 1860.—Rifle Volunteers formed at St. John's.
- 1860.—Prince of Wales, after King Edward VII., arrives.
- 1861.—Big election riots at St. John's. Troops called out. Three men shot dead.
- 1863.—First steamship to prosecute sealfishery, "Bloodhound", arrived to Baine Johnston & Co.
- 1864.—Sir Frederick Carter and Sir Ambrose Shea, first Confederate delegates, left for Ottawa.
- 1864.—Union Copper Mine opened at Tilt Cove.
- 1866.—Atlantic Cable successfully landed at Heart's Content.
- 1869.—Confederation elections held. Confederates defeated.
- 1872.—First manufacturers' exhibition held. Promoted by Archdeacon Botwood.
- 1875.—Christian Brothers arrive. Schools first opened January, 1876.
- 1881.—Newfoundland Railway begun. First sod turned August 9th.
- 1884.—Dock at Riverhead completed.
- 1886.—St. John's first lit by electricity on Nov. 1st.
- 1888.—First Municipal elections held at St. John's.
- 1892.—"July fire" took place. Half of St. John's destroyed; 11,000 people homeless.
- 1892.—Grenfell Mission on Labrador begun.
- 1893.—Act to provide for Higher Education passed.
- 1894.—Bank of Nova Scotia opened; first Canadian Bank.
- 1894.—Bank Crash. Union and Commercial Banks suspended payment.
- 1895.—Delegates to Ottawa for Confederation terms: Bond, Horwood, Morris, Emerson.
- 1898.—First mail and passenger train to Port aux Basques started.
- 1899.—First paving stone laid on Water St., Aug. 12th.
- 1900.—1600 miners on strike at Bell Island.
- 1900.—Duke and Duchess of York, now King George and Queen Mary, arrive.
- 1902.—Mayoralty elections held. Hon. G. Shea elected.

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- 1902—3,000 sealers on strike.
- 1903—L. S. P. U. formed. Hon. M. P. Gibbs Solicitor and Organizer.
- 1903—Firemen's Protective Union organized by J. Woods—now President.
- 1904—French Shore Question settled. Bond Government in power.
- 1904—Sidney Herbert first Rhodes Scholar for Newfoundland.
- 1906—"Adventure" first steel ship to prosecute fishery; owned by A. J. Harvey & Co.
- 1908—Political deadlock at election; eighteen members for each side elected.
- 1909—Grand Falls Pulp and Paper Mills opened, October 9th.
- 1909—Board of Trade organized at St. John's.
- 1910—Manufacturers and Agricultural Exhibition held at Prince's Rink.
- 1912—King George the Fifth Seamen's Institute opened, December 19th.
- 1913—H.R.H. Prince Albert Frederick visits St. John's.
- 1914—Big sealing calamity, "Newfoundland Southern Cross" disasters; 250 perished.
- 1914—Bowring Park opened to the public.
- 1914—Municipal Commission appointed for St. John's.
- 1914—1st Nfld. Regiment established for overseas service.
- 1915—Prohibition elections held. Prohibition came into force on January 1st, 1917.
- 1915—Archbishop Roche consecrated June 29th.
- 1917—Daylight Bill becomes law. Promoter, J. Anderson.
- 1917—Liberal-Union Party and People's Party amalgamate; known as National Government.
- 1917—Summer School for Teachers founded. Instructors, Prof. Blackall, Rev. Dr. Curtis and J. Burke.
- 1918—Bishop White Consecrated first native Episcopalian Bishop of Newfoundland.
- 1918—Sir E. P. Morris resigns Premiership. C. G. Baron.
- 1918—Loss of S. S. "Florizel" near Renews; 94 perished.
- 1918—Selective Conscription for Newfoundland passed by National Government.

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Passports are issued at the Department of the Colonial Secretary, in accordance with Rules and Regulations approved by the Governor in Council, to persons domiciled in Newfoundland who are—

- 1—Natural-born British subjects:
- 2—The wives and widows of such persons, or
- 3—Persons naturalized in the United Kingdom, in the British Colonies, or in India.

A Passport cannot be issued on behalf of a person already abroad; such person should apply for one to the nearest British Mission or Consulate. Passports must not be sent out of Newfoundland by post.

Applicants are requested to have their Forms of Application (which can be obtained at this Department) properly filled in, according to marginal instructions thereon, and forwarded to the Department in sufficient time to permit of any necessary alterations being made in the same before the date upon which the Passport would be required.

The charge for a Passport is \$2.50, which covers a period of two years, after which it may be renewed for four further periods of two years each, at a charge of \$1.00 for each renewal.

Copies of Rules and Regulations, Forms of Application, or any desired information, may be obtained upon request.

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Colonial Secretary.

Department of the Colonial Secretary,
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Prizes to be awarded to the actual manufacturers or foremen of factories.

Only factories capable of producing "Three Hundred Gallons" or over will be considered when awarding the prizes.

Samples in bottles produced by manufacturers will not be allowed in competition; but prizes will be awarded from samples taken by the authorized Inspectors, and to be as follows:

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J. G. STONE,
Min. of Marine and Fisheries.

Prisoners of War in Germany.

The following regulations, governing the regular and despatch of parcels and money to Prisoners of War in Germany are published for the information of the public. The Newfoundland War Contingent Association is appointed by the Central Prisoners of War Committee to handle all matters appertaining to the forwarding of parcels and money to Newfoundland P. of W. in Germany.

The N. W. C. A. forward a regular supply from London to Germany as follows:

- (a) **FOOD.** Three parcels per man per fortnight containing such things as tinned salmon, biscuits, sugar, margarine, dripping, baked beans, canned soap, chocolate, cigarettes, tobacco, and a few necessaries.
- (b) **CLOTHING.** The following outfit is sent periodically to N. C. O.'s and men in Germany by the War and Record Office: 1 greatcoat, 1 jacket, 1 pair of trousers, 1 cap (the foregoing is a special uniform for P. of W.), 1 pair of drawers (woollen), 1 undershirt (woollen), 2 towels, 3 handkerchiefs, 1 pair of boots.
- (c) **MONEY.**

It is inadvisable to send money unless P. of W. ask for it. The amount which may be sent is Two Shillings per week for any one man. The Army Council have instructed the Central P. of W. Committee to the effect that they may not accept gifts of foodstuffs or clothing from members of the public, whether for despatch to a particular P. of W. or as a contribution to the general stock of the Association. This instruction has arisen through an arrangement with the German Authorities that all parcels forwarded should be packed and forwarded by the German authorities.

Relatives may rest assured that everything possible is being done in London for the comfort and welfare of Prisoners of War in Germany.

J. R. BENNETT
Acting Minister of War

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Merchants' Shipping Act, 1906.

Under the provisions of Section 50 of the Merchants' Shipping Act, 1906, the Board of Trade, in conjunction with the Commissioners of Customs, hereby make the following regulations relating to ships' names, and direct that they shall come into force on 1st January, 1908.

1.—Any person who proposes to make application for Registry of a British ship shall give notice in writing of the proposed name of the ship to the Registrar of Shipping at the intended Port of Registry at least fourteen days before the date in which it is contemplated to effect the registry.

7.—When it is proposed to register the ship at a port not situated in the British Islands, the Registrar to whom the name is intimated may proceed with the registry of the ship if he satisfies himself that the name does not appear in the Current Mercantile Navy List, but if the name does so appear, the Registrar shall transmit the application to the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen, and the case shall be treated in the manner laid down for registry in the British Islands.

H. W. LeMESSURIER,
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